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'ROUNDABOUT THE STATE.

Gleaned from Exchanges--Made by the Shears, the Pencil and the Paste Pot--Some Original, Some Credited, and Some Stolen, but Nearly All Interesting Reading.

Hume, a town of 800 inhabitants, has never had a negro resident and every house in the town is painted white.

Curiously enough, the man in the Fulton asylum, who has written two popular songs recently, is not an inmate but an official.

Gustave Arndt, seventy years old, was recently sentenced in Kansas City to serve seven years in the penitentiary for stealing a horse. He has served several previous terms in various penitentiaries on similar charges.

Saturday Governor Major appointed Col. Wm. Forman collector of revenue for Platte county, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Matthews Sheppard. Everybody in Platte county knows of the competence and reliability of Col. Forman in that position. The governor could not have made a better appointment.

A Hopkins dog bit a boy of that town in nine different places—that is to say he bit him nine times—it all happened in Hopkins. However, when he heard about it, the dog's owner had the voracious dog killed, and the Journal announces that the boy and his parents feel the dog owner "acted the man in every way in the matter."

The jokesmiths are overlooking some fine opportunities in the marriage of Mr. Rice and Miss Benedict, near Columbia. A wedding where the bride insures rice at the ceremony, where the bridegroom becomes a benedict by marrying one, and where the bride ceases to be a benedict by getting married, ought to provide a few paragraphs.

The children of Mrs. Alma Crowhurst of Maryville are planning a great celebration for her on December 10, 1913, when she will have reached her 100th birthday anniversary. She is in good health, she regularly observes the English custom in partaking of four meals every day, and enjoys them. The only change her children have noticed in the past few months is that she seems a little weaker from week to week, but she is the same as ever in her interest in her children and grandchildren and bids fair to enjoy the coming celebration.

Perhaps the only letter in George Washington's own hand writing in this part of the country is owned by N. W. Leonard of Fayette. The letter was written by the great general March 24, 1776. It is a letter of commendation to Captain Leonard, ancestor of the present owner, who was a member of the church at Woodstock. The letter is written upon parchment and is a model of neatness and punctuation, as well as diction. Mr. Leonard has a letter written in 1799 by E. Alexander Hamilton directing Captain Hamilton to Albany, for military duty. This letter, also, is a model of neatness and shows how carefully people wrote before the advent of the typewriter. It was written at the instruction of the secretary of war.

A Linn county teacher, in a frenzied attempt to beat the high cost of living, is living in a tent and cooking his own meals.

Lots of sporting events in Moberly these days. One issue of the Democrat records a coon hunt, a mad dog chase and a railroad accident.

The pensioners of Missouri on July 1, 1913, numbered 39,400 persons to whom the government paid during the year ending at that time \$8,284,911.70.

Bootleggers were so thick at the fair last week they had to wear badges to keep from selling booze to one another, according to the Fair Play Advocate.

As going to prove that a boy can always enjoy life if he tries, the Louisiana Press-Journal calls attention to the Quincy lad who has broken his leg six times.

The Mexico Leader is inclined to credit the report that the Republican party is dwindling away. It has heard on good authority that Mr. Taft has lost eighty pounds.

One of the mail order houses that furnish patent insides to Missouri papers, tells the "short story" in the headline this week. The caption over this bit of fiction is, "Rolfe Got Nellie."

As a result of a quarrel between two men south of Bloodland, E. A. Williams, who attempted to act as peacemaker, was killed. Williams was constable of Robidoux township.

The Frisco railroad handled nearly 1500 cars of peaches from Southern Missouri this year. It moved only 702 cars last year, and most of them were from the southern part of the Ozark country.

The railroads, the telephones and also telegraph companies in Nodaway county will pay \$20,207.88 in taxes this year to the county, according to the abstract of taxes as compiled by deputy clerk Fred Yeomans.

Driven to desperation by hunger and privation, a leper thought to be suffering but a light attack of the disease, applied for food and treatment at the city dispensary in St. Louis Thursday night. To shield his wife and son he assumed the name of John Kouch. "Kouch" said he came there from Jackson, Tennessee. He said he had been confined in several places of isolation, but always made his escape. The last of these was in Utah.

A man recently went to LaPlata, claiming that he was from the Klondike where he had made a fortune. He claimed he was looking for some people, who had waited upon him during a long spell of sickness. He found them at LaPlata. He gave the man it is said a check for \$500 and bought for the woman an auto on which he paid \$50 and deposited \$300 in the local bank. Later, however, he left, saying he was going to Chicago for the remainder of his money. The next that was heard from him came from a series of checks he had drawn on the LaPlata bank in which he had no funds. He was arrested for false pretense.

Great State Teachers' Meeting at St. Louis November 6-8, 1913.

ENROLLMENT TO BE LARGEST IN 57 YEARS—5000.

A great State Teachers' Convention will be held at St. Louis November 6-8, 1913. From reports received from every county and city in the state the enrollment and attendance will break all previous records and will reach 5000 or 6000, the largest in the 57 years of Association history.

The general program as prepared by Hon. Wm. P. Evans, President, is an excellent one and includes some of the leading educators and thinkers in this country. These men from out of the state will be there: Hon. P. P. Claxton, U. S. Commissioner of Education; Mr. Earl Barnes, Philadelphia; Mr. C. A. Prosser, New York City; County Superintendent, Albert H. Cook, Baltimore county, Maryland; Pres. E. B. Bryan, Colgate University, Hamilton, N. Y. These from within the state will speak: Former Governor Herbert S. Hadley; Attorney-General John T. Barker; Superintendent W. W. Thomas, Springfield; Dr. W. W. Boyd, St. Louis; H. W. Foght, Kirksville. Rabbi Leon Harrison will deliver the address of welcome and Dr. W. H. Black, of Marshall, will respond.

The department programs are also excellent and include the names of many of the leading school men and women of Missouri. Program as arranged will appeal to every person interested in education in Missouri.

The contest for the Silver Trophy Cup, which is being awarded this year for the first is a lively one and many counties have entered the race for it. The indications are that thirty or forty counties will be at St. Louis with practically all their teachers, and that many towns will be in the 100 per cent class. The large cities of St. Louis, Kansas City, and St. Joe, and others, will furnish large numbers of members. This year for the first time every county in the state will be represented. Marquette Hotel will be headquarters. Be sure to go to St. Louis. Write Prof. W. W. Walters, Ashland school, St. Louis regarding accommodations for the meeting. Programs have been mailed by the secretary to all quarters of the state. Teachers should plan to reach St. Louis so that they can spend Wednesday in visiting the St. Louis schools.

The advance enrollment is now 200 per cent higher than any previous year. The increase in the enrollment this year will probably show a gain of 1200 per cent over 1906.

It will be some time before the good effects of the new tariff act is shown. The old stock of goods will have to be moved before the new and cheaper things are thrown on the market. At the present everything you buy comes from the hands of the trusts.—Ex.

St. Louis leaders in the campaign for woman suffrage received a chilling reception Thursday when they asked for space at a street fair to be held next week in the southeastern part of St. Louis. Finally, however, the proprietor of a beer garden in the street fair zone offered them space, and the equal suffrage banner will float over the beer garden.

Southeast Missouri Corn Show and Institute State Normal School, Cape Girardeau.

PRIZES FOR SINGLE CORN PLANTS OFFERED.

The annual Corn Show and Farmers' Institute conducted by the Department of Agriculture of the State Normal School will have a larger premium list and a better institute program than ever before.

Several new features have been added which are attracting much attention. One of these—the Acre Yield Contest—has over 150 contestants and the winner in each county and in the district will be announced at the time of the corn show. Plans are now being perfected for continuing this feature in 1914.

Large prizes are being offered not only for single ear and 10 ear exhibits, but for 100 ear exhibits. Another new feature is the class for entire corn plants. Liberal premiums are being offered for single plants and for 10 plants—both of single ear and of multiple ear varieties.

All corn entered in the show will become the property of the show to be auctioned off for seed to the highest bidder. This will offer an opportunity for buying the fancy seed corn at ones own prices.

The lectures will be even better than last year. Mr. Joe Wing one of the foremost writers and speakers on Agricultural subjects of this age, will be on the program each day. Farm advisers H. O. Williams, of Cape county, and Derr of Scott county, will be present. Many local speakers have been secured. Among them are L. H. Gale, of Hayti and E. J. Manoney, of Dexter.

Write for premium list and program of the biggest Corn Show in Southeast Missouri.

SETH BABCOCK, Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Linneus Bulletin: Bishop Hess told a Methodist conference the other day that clergymen shouldn't use tobacco. Rabbi Ben Meshugger has repeatedly remarked that no one should eat pork. Mrs. Doty Spankhead says everybody should quit eating any kind of meat. Dr. Graham long ago forbade the eating of flour bread. Dr. Jimpson H. Weed says cornbread has a scouring effect and causes pallegra. Uncle Joe Lewcom states that he is 92 years old, and never tasted champagne. Prof. B. Iale Green avers that the cabbage worm was the grandpa of the hook worm and can be found in any kind of garden truck. General Bruell of the commissary department has about made up his mind to quit issuing beans to the soldiers. Drinking water is unsafe unless it is boiled. Dr. Gouger, the famous dentist, says toothpicks should never be used, and that acid fruits injure the teeth and sweet fruits hurt the stomach. Breakfast foods are only to be used as poultices, says the great food expert, Prof. Knier Starr Vation. Milk is deadly and butter counts its victims by the dozens, says that well known scientist Herr Isenhopf. Nuts are promoters of indigestion, and tend to disorder the mind, in the opinion of the Mattewan alienist, Prof. Bugg House.

And so it goes. The trouble with these good people who are regulating the diets and habits of their neighbors is the fact that they never offer a usable substitute.

WIFE OF FARMER HELD AS FORGER

FALSE SIGNATURES OF MEN IN 3 COUNTIES DECEIVE CASHIERS OF BANKS.

OPERATED SEVERAL MONTHS

Fraudulent Checks With Signatures of Farmers and Merchants Passed in Various Towns in Texas and Douglas Counties.

Mountain Grove.—Business men of this part of Missouri, who have been worried for several months by the operations of a check forger, were amazed to learn that the authorities have arrested Mrs. Dave Kennedy, wife of a young farmer living five miles west of here. The officers declare Mrs. Kennedy has admitted that she was the forger.

The forgeries have been passed on banks at Cabool, Norwood and Mountain Grove. The fraudulent checks bore excellent imitations of the signatures of farmers and business men of Wright, Texas and Douglas counties. The forgeries were so good that none of the cashiers detected them.

Experts in handwriting, after examining a number of them, declared the forger was a woman. A long hunt for her ended in the arrest of Mrs. Kennedy.

Mrs. Kennedy, a months-old baby, another child was clutching in her arms when the sheriff drove up to the farmhouse and told her she was wanted. She is a bright young woman, who has spent most of her life in this part of the state. When she was first suspected, bankers who were asked about her said they didn't think she could possibly have the experience necessary to enable her to commit the forgeries and profit by them.

Stephens Elected Again.

Hannibal.—The seventy-ninth annual convention of the Missouri Baptist General association was held here with more than 200 delegates present.

Officers were chosen as follows: Moderator, E. W. Stephens, Columbia; assistant moderator, C. P. Storti, Slater; secretary, A. W. Payne, St. Louis; treasurer, Winety Jones, St. Joseph. Mr. Stephens is serving his twenty-third term as moderator.

In his address Mr. Stephens referred to the many older members who had passed away. He paid a high tribute to the late A. R. Levering of Hannibal, who was a leading member of the denomination in the state.

Mr. Stephens came to Hannibal to attend the association 37 years ago with his father, who since has died. On this occasion Mr. Stephens is accompanied by his son.

"It seems that you will always have the Stephenses with you," he remarked.

Another interesting fact mentioned by the moderator was that the gavel which he was using was made from wood taken from the first Baptist church in Missouri, the old Bethel church.

The association has raised more than \$45,000 among Missouri Baptists for Stephens' college for girls at Columbia. This amount has been obtained toward wiping out an indebtedness of \$70,000 on the school.

Subscriptions already made are contingent on the completion of the fund by Jan. 1, 1914.

John E. Franklin of St. Louis announced that he would give \$10,000. Dr. J. T. M. Johnson of Kansas City and Moderator E. W. Stephens and his son, Hugh Stephens, both of Columbia, said they would give \$5,000 each.

W. D. Bolton was announced as assistant secretary.

The following committees were appointed by Mr. Stephens:

Nominations—W. W. Martin, Doniphan; W. D. Johnson, Kansas City; C. C. Long, St. Louis; J. P. Graham, St. Louis; C. M. Trues, Kirksville; Charles King, Columbia; A. E. Rogers, Lexington.

Resolutions—J. T. Morris, Carrollton; W. O. Anderson, Springfield; R. L. Davidson, Sedalia; J. L. Watson, Ladsonia; R. E. Bailey, Jefferson City; H. W. Cole, Kansas City.

Dr. Linn to Raise \$300,000.

Fayette.—Three hundred thousand dollars from the Methodists of Missouri for Central college during the month of November is the slogan of Dr. Paul Linn, who recently was elected president. Dr. Linn's plan is to raise \$1 for each member of the Methodist church, South of Missouri. The church has a membership of more than 110,000 in this territory.

Teachers Favor Equal Suffrage.

Poplar Bluff.—The Southeast Missouri Teachers' association went on record as favoring woman's suffrage, declaring that "the men of Missouri should recognize that the women of this state are entitled to the ballot and that the interests of all the people demand that women vote."

It commended the last legislature for its educational laws, requested legislation to provide emergency support for any school made dependent by any unusual circumstance, and urged an amendment so all counties could take advantage of the teachers' training school law.

The organization also favored a law forbidding the use of or sale or giving away of tobacco in any form to any person under 18, asked a new state constitution making adequate provision for all state educational needs, favored larger unit of taxation and administration so as to prevent educational waste, and demanded a law forbidding the sale of intoxicants within five miles of any state educational institution.

It was said by persons familiar with the situation that the state convention, to meet shortly in St. Louis, would endorse woman's suffrage by an overwhelming vote.

W. L. Barrett, superintendent of the Poplar Bluff schools, was elected president; C. C. Thudum of Fredericktown, first vice-president; Miss Clara Graham of Charleston, second vice-president; Victor Sears of Greenville, third vice-president; George Doyle of Jackson, treasurer; Louis Thellman of New Madrid, executive committee member, and A. C. Magill of Cape Girardeau, secretary.

A magnificent silver loving cup was won by New Madrid county because of the largest attendance. The 1914 convention will meet at Cape Girardeau. Rev. W. E. Behner of the Presbyterian church opened the morning session with prayer and was followed with a double number by the girls' glee club of the high school.

Adopts Simplified Spelling.

Columbia.—From now on all the of ficial correspondence and publications of the School of Education of the University of Missouri will be simplified spelling. The members of the faculty in that division of the university have voted to adopt the full list recommended by the simplified spelling board. So far as now this is the first attempt at any of the state institutions to adopt the new system. At the meeting of the State Teachers' association in St. Louis next week, an attempt will be made to have a resolution adopted to have all the publications of that body conform to the new rules.

Free Two Tubercular Convicts.

Jefferson City.—Two convicts who have tuberculosis were paroled by Gov. Major. They are Edward Holmes, convicted in Jackson county of burglary in January, 1911, and Tom Hatfield of Jasper county, who was sent to the penitentiary for grand larceny.

Paintings for Capitol Urged.

Marshall.—E. W. Stephens of Columbia addressed a women's meeting here under the auspices of the Marshall D. A. R. chapter. His subject was "Mural Decoration," and his effort is to enlist the D. A. R. and the women generally throughout the state in historic decoration and paintings for Missouri's new capitol when finished.

Kills Wife and Self.

Trenton.—William Payne, aged 50, a farmer, living ten miles south of Trenton, killed his wife Anna, shooting her in the face and cutting her throat, and then committed suicide. A little daughter witnessed the shooting of her mother and ran screaming to a neighbor's house.

To Prevent Mail.

France is now testing a new type of mail destroyer. The device is essentially a very large lightning rod of pure copper, grounded by means of a copper conductor. According to the theory of the inventors, these instruments, by their effect upon currents of atmospheric electricity, are capable of preventing the formation and the fall of hailstones.

12,500 Mines in the United States.

The Engineering and Mining Journal says there are about 6,500 coal mines in the United States and about 6,000 metal mines producing and developing. There are nine copper refineries and 45 smelters, 25 lead smelting works, 28 zinc and 314 iron. There are 159 open-hearth steel works and 30 Bessemer works.

It Cheated.

A little 5-year-old, being afraid of turkey gobblers, was at play in the yard one day last summer when an old gobbler began gobbling at her. She became frightened and ran to her grandmother, who asked her why she didn't shoot the old turkey away. She said she did. "But the old thing just laughed at me."